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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1986				REVISED JULY 1986				REVISED AUGUST 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,968.3	1,725.2	243.1	12.3	1,978.4	1,724.5	253.9	12.8	2,004.8	1,768.9	235.9	11.8
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.6	53.6	6.0	10.1	59.1	52.8	6.3	10.6	58.8	52.6	6.2	10.6
Baton Rouge 2/	259.4	233.3	26.1	10.1	260.1	232.0	28.1	10.8	259.1	230.4	28.7	11.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	74.0	60.5	13.5	18.3	75.1	61.8	13.3	17.7	78.2	69.1	9.1	11.6
Lafayette 4/	106.8	91.6	15.2	14.2	108.6	93.1	15.5	14.3	111.9	101.6	10.3	9.2
Lake Charles 5/	70.6	60.5	10.1	14.3	72.0	61.3	10.7	14.9	76.5	65.2	11.3	14.8
Monroe 6/	68.4	62.4	6.0	8.7	68.3	62.0	6.3	9.2	67.3	60.7	6.6	9.8
New Orleans 7/	586.2	524.9	61.3	10.5	590.9	528.3	62.6	10.6	614.7	544.9	69.8	11.4
Shreveport 8/	162.7	145.3	17.4	10.7	162.8	144.5	18.3	11.3	168.7	153.6	15.1	8.9

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,500,600 for August, a decrease of 10,700 from July's revised level and 89,300 lower than August a year ago. Each segment of nonmanufacturing, except construction, showed a decrease for August. Manufacturing employment was lower for the current month as a result of a downturn in durable goods.

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Estimated employment for August in the durable goods segment of manufacturing was 72,400, a decrease of 600 from the July revised level. Lumber and wood products employment was lower due to less demand for miscellaneous wood products. Machinery, except electrical, experienced a drop of 300 employees from the July estimate. Fabricated metal products employment increased by 200 for August.

Total nondurable goods employment for August, at 94,000, was up by 300 over the July level but 2,400 below the year-ago figure. The re-opening of a plant in the leather and leather products industry, after a temporary shutdown, was primarily responsible for the increase of other nondurable goods employment.

Nonmanufacturing employment for August stood at 1,334,200, a decrease of 10,400 from July's revised level. Mining payrolls were down as a result of a decrease in exploration for oil and gas. An increase in activity in heavy construction and in plumbing, heating and air conditioning contractors accounted in large part for the growth in construction payrolls. Less business for the state's ports and decreased trucking and warehousing employment both were largely responsible for the downturn in transportation and public utilities. Trade employment was down as both wholesale and retail segments experienced a decrease in August. Less activity in banking was most significant in the employment decline in finance, insurance and real estate. Decreases in hotels and other lodging places, business services and educational services were especially significant in the downturn of services employment. Government employment in August was down mostly due to state and local government payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 119,100 production workers in manufacturing increased from $441.74 in July to $444.78 in August, an increase of $3.04, and an increase of $22.44 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were eight cents lower in August than last month but $0.11 higher than August of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 for the current month, up by 0.6 hours from July's revised figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 243,100 in August, a decrease of 10,800 below the July revised level of 253,900. The unemployment rate for August was 12.3 percent compared to 12.8 percent for last month and 11.8 percent for August a year ago. The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 6.7 percent compared to 7.0 percent in July and 6.9 percent for August of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,978,400 in July to 1,968,300 in August, a decrease of 10,100. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,724,500 in July to 1,725,200 in August, an increase of 700.

Unemployment in Louisiana is expected to decline during the next month with the re-opening of schools. Trade employment may increase as the holiday season approaches.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change from July 1986	Net Change from August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,500.6	1,511.3	1,589.9	-10.7	-89.3
MINING	58.4	59.5	81.2	- 1.1	-22.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.8	55.9	78.2	- 1.1	-23.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.6	3.6	3.0	0	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	95.2	94.7	107.9	+ 0.5	-12.7
MANUFACTURING	166.4	166.7	177.8	- 0.3	-11.4
Durable Goods	72.4	73.0	81.4	- 0.6	- 9.0
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	13.3	12.9	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.7	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.2	6.2	7.1	0	- 0.9
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.2	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	12.6	12.4	13.6	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.0	8.3	10.0	- 0.3	- 2.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.4	10.1	0	- 2.7
Transportation Equipment	19.4	19.4	20.7	0	- 1.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.2	2.3	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	94.0	93.7	96.4	+ 0.3	- 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	21.7	21.6	22.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.1	8.7	0	- 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	11.5	11.6	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	10.3	0	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.5	26.4	28.2	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.1	12.1	12.2	0	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.2	4.0	3.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.0	106.5	115.1	- 2.5	-11.1
Railroad Transportation	5.8	5.7	6.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	57.8	60.2	66.8	- 2.4	- 9.0
Water Transportation	25.6	27.3	29.9	- 1.7	- 4.3
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.4	40.6	42.1	- 0.2	- 1.7
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.8	19.0	20.1	- 0.2	- 1.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.6	21.6	22.0	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	376.3	378.5	386.8	- 2.2	-10.5
Wholesale Trade	84.5	85.4	92.4	- 0.9	- 7.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.7	47.4	53.1	- 0.7	- 6.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.8	38.0	39.3	- 0.2	- 1.5
Retail Trade	291.8	293.1	294.4	- 1.3	- 2.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.7	59.3	59.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Food Stores	57.3	57.6	55.3	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.8	32.0	32.9	- 0.2	- 1.1
Eating & Drinking Places	89.7	90.3	90.7	- 0.6	- 1.0
Other Retail Trade	53.3	53.9	56.3	- 0.6	- 3.0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change from July 1985	Net Change from August 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.0	85.4	86.1	- 0.4	- 1.1
Banking	27.3	27.6	27.9	- 0.3	- 0.6
SERVICES	310.8	313.8	320.3	- 3.0	- 9.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.5	21.2	24.2	- 0.7	- 3.7
Personal Services	15.7	15.8	14.9	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Business Services	52.1	53.1	59.3	- 1.0	- 7.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.7	11.0	10.5	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.6	6.8	7.7	- 0.2	- 1.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.3	9.8	11.3	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Health Services	92.6	92.9	91.8	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Legal Services	14.0	14.0	13.7	0	+ 0.3
Educational Services	22.1	22.8	20.1	- 0.7	- 2.0
Social Services	17.0	17.3	16.8	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	26.1	26.0	26.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Services	17.0	17.0	17.5	0	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	304.5	306.2	314.7	- 1.7	-10.2
Federal	35.3	35.5	36.1	- 0.2	- 0.8
State and Local	269.2	270.7	278.6	- 1.5	- 9.4
State	96.3	97.0	98.2	- 0.7	- 1.9
Local	172.9	173.7	180.4	- 0.8	- 7.5

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Alexandria LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$444.78	$441.74	$422.34	42.0	41.4	40.3	$10.59	$10.67	$10.48
Durable Goods	387.86	375.96	376.27	41.0	39.7	39.4	9.46	9.47	9.55
Lumber & Wood Products	324.36	314.81	308.90	40.8	39.9	39.3	7.95	7.89	7.86
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	360.90	394.59	324.86	39.4	41.8	38.4	9.16	9.44	8.46
Fabricated Metal Products	393.90	374.00	401.62	42.4	40.0	43.0	9.29	9.35	9.34
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.82	375.31	390.51	41.7	39.8	40.3	9.54	9.43	9.69
Electric & Electronic Equip.	469.45	404.30	437.73	41.0	38.8	39.4	11.45	10.42	11.11
Transportation Equipment	418.40	424.44	404.80	41.1	39.3	36.6	10.18	10.80	11.06
Nondurable Goods	493.91	499.79	465.35	42.8	42.9	41.0	11.54	11.65	11.35
Food & Kindred Products	352.34	326.76	290.32	42.4	39.8	38.2	8.31	8.21	7.60
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	221.20	220.42	169.69	40.0	41.2	32.2	5.53	5.35	5.27
Paper & Allied Products	583.63	615.17	577.72	43.2	45.3	44.0	13.51	13.58	13.13
Printing & Publishing	391.51	390.38	368.64	37.9	37.5	38.4	10.33	10.41	9.60
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	659.43	671.40	643.54	43.7	44.2	43.6	15.09	15.19	14.76
Petroleum & Coal Products	674.47	710.51	705.43	47.1	48.4	47.6	14.32	14.68	14.82
Petroleum Refining	685.92	728.65	722.88	47.6	49.4	48.0	14.41	14.75	15.06
MINING	528.24	558.27	510.67	46.5	48.8	45.8	11.36	11.44	11.15
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	523.27	538.02	526.26	41.3	42.0	42.0	12.67	12.81	12.53
BANKING	264.34	267.65	252.59	38.2	38.4	37.7	6.92	6.97	6.70

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 119,100 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 08 86				REVISED 07 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	25,700	21,175	4,525	17.6	26,400	21,075	5,325	20.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,900	8,500	1,400	14.2	9,875	8,400	1,475	14.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,525	6,725	1,800	21.0	8,525	6,825	1,700	19.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	18,375	15,075	3,300	17.9	17,650	14,400	3,250	18.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,925	12,300	1,625	11.6	14,100	12,350	1,750	12.4
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,825	5,950	875	12.9	6,850	5,925	925	13.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,850	4,075	775	15.8	4,850	4,050	800	16.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	5,325	4,800	525	9.8	5,425	4,875	550	10.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,150	4,125	1,025	19.9	5,200	4,050	1,150	22.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,125	7,300	825	10.1	8,200	7,250	950	11.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,900	9,050	1,850	17.1	10,900	8,875	2,025	18.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,950	13,000	1,950	13.1	14,850	12,875	1,975	13.3
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,825	3,975	850	17.8	4,800	3,875	925	19.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,675	7,650	1,025	11.8	8,650	7,575	1,075	12.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	15,250	12,575	2,675	17.6	14,975	12,250	2,725	18.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,000	7,600	1,400	15.5	8,950	7,450	1,500	16.8
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,225	6,325	900	12.5	7,275	6,300	975	13.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	31,775	25,750	6,025	19.0	31,850	25,600	6,250	19.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,525	10,475	2,050	16.3	12,525	10,375	2,150	17.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,300	6,675	625	8.7	7,300	6,575	725	9.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	14,100	11,650	2,450	17.4	14,400	11,500	2,900	20.2
JENA (LASALLE)	7,900	6,875	1,025	12.9	7,900	6,825	1,075	13.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,725	16,700	1,025	5.8	17,900	16,775	1,125	6.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,200	5,375	825	13.3	6,300	5,400	900	14.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,025	11,225	1,800	13.8	13,225	11,200	2,025	15.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,575	15,650	1,925	10.9	17,525	15,475	2,050	11.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	10,550	9,450	1,100	10.5	10,600	9,425	1,175	11.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,550	6,900	1,650	19.2	8,600	6,775	1,825	21.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,450	3,975	475	10.8	4,475	3,950	525	11.7
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,050	7,825	1,225	13.6	8,925	7,600	1,325	14.9
MANY (SABINE)	10,525	9,075	1,450	13.7	10,475	9,025	1,450	13.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,575	3,100	475	13.2	3,525	3,025	500	14.4
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,825	7,425	1,400	15.9	8,925	7,425	1,500	16.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	37,975	30,550	7,425	19.6	37,975	30,150	7,825	20.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	32,775	25,750	7,025	21.4	33,050	25,925	7,125	21.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,200	33,850	5,350	13.6	38,900	33,225	5,675	14.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,625	3,275	350	9.8	3,500	3,125	375	10.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,550	7,550	1,000	11.7	8,775	7,600	1,175	13.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	23,150	18,675	4,475	19.3	23,325	18,750	4,575	19.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,150	17,625	1,525	8.0	19,175	17,550	1,625	8.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,025	16,525	2,500	13.1	18,825	16,275	2,550	13.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,550	17,775	2,775	13.5	20,575	17,750	2,825	13.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,325	4,300	1,025	19.4	5,300	4,125	1,175	22.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,300	3,750	550	12.7	4,350	3,750	600	13.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,800	5,150	650	11.0	5,825	5,125	700	12.1

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.6	44.3	44.7	+ 0.3	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.0	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	8.8	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	9.9	9.9	9.6	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.1	12.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	9.6	9.5	10.0	+ 0.1	- 0.4
State	5.1	5.1	5.4	0	- 0.3
Local	4.5	4.4	4.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria area was estimated at 44,600 during August. This estimate was 300 more than July and 100 less than August of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during August totaled 3,500. This total was unchanged since the previous month and the same as August of last year. Since last year there was a slight change in lumber and wood products and in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated to be 41,100 during August. This is an increase of 300 over the past month, and down 100 since August of last year. Since July, there have been slight gains in construction, retail trade, and local government. Since August 1985, there have been gains in retail trade and services, and losses in construction and government.

During the next thirty days, there should be a substantial gain in the number of employed as educators return to the classroom and another major retail store begins hiring.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	212.3	212.2	214.0	+ 0.1	- 1.7
MANUFACTURING	20.0	20.0	20.8	0	- 0.8
Durable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.3	- 0.1	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	1.0	0.9	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.6	16.5	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.4	11.4	12.0	0	- 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.8	0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	22.3	21.9	21.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.8	10.6	10.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.9	50.6	52.1	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	10.5	10.6	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.4	7.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	40.4	40.0	40.9	+ 0.4	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.0	13.9	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	4.1	4.2	4.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.7	42.1	41.4	- 0.4	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	51.4	51.8	52.7	- 0.4	- 1.3
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	49.2	49.6	50.5	- 0.4	- 1.3
State	28.2	28.4	28.7	- 0.2	- 0.5
Local	21.0	21.2	21.8	- 0.2	- 0.8

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$505.53	$508.00	$541.68	41.0	41.1	43.3	$12.33	$12.36	$12.51
Petro-Chemicals	661.12	661.50	700.92	45.5	45.0	47.2	14.53	14.70	14.85

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 212,300 during August was up 100 from June's revised estimate. Manufacturing had no change and nonmanufacturing was up during the current period.

Employment in manufacturing, at 20,000 in August, had no change from July's revised estimate. Durable goods were down due to the completion of a specific job for which extra labor was hired in fabricated metals. Nondurable goods were up due to more business in men's, youths' and boys' furnishings, work clothing, and allied garments, and in miscellaneous plastics products.

Total manufacturing was up during the current period. Mining was down due to less business in oil and gas field services. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, and in painting, paper hanging, and decorating. Transportation and public utilities was up due to seasonal increases in services incidental to water transportation and more business in telephone communication (wire or radio). Wholesale trade-durable goods was down due to less business in electrical goods and in machinery, equipment, and supplies. Retail trade was up due to more business in eating and drinking places, and in miscellaneous retail stores. Finance, insurance and real estate was up due to more business in fire, marine, and casualty insurance, and in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. Banking was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services was down due to less business in services to dwellings and other buildings, in amusement and recreation services, in health and allied services, and a seasonal decline in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. State and local government were down due to seasonal decreases.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing was $505.53, down $2.47 from July's revised average. Average weekly hours were down one tenth of an hour and average hourly earnings were down three cents per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 233,300 during August, up 1,300 from July's revised estimate and up 2,900 over August of last year. Unemployment at 26,100 during August was down 2,000 from last month's revised estimate. The August unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, down from July's revised 10.8 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 12.3 percent and the national rate was 6.7 percent during August. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 259,400 during the current period.

Seasonal changes should continue improving unemployment and the unemployment rate during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,312 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 521 applicants in job during August.

The consumer price index for July, 1986 for all urban consumers was 328.0 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 322.9 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.3	53.7	61.4	- 1.4	- 9.1
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.8	5.1	- 0.3	- 1.6
Durable Goods	2.2	2.4	3.5	- 0.2	- 1.3
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
MINING	6.6	6.9	8.3	- 0.3	- 1.7
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.2	2.6	- 0.2	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	6.0	7.6	- 0.1	- 1.7
Water Transportation	4.1	4.0	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.6	15.4	- 0.3	- 2.1
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.1	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	10.3	10.5	11.8	- 0.2	- 1.5
Eating & Drinking Places	2.9	3.0	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	8.1	8.2	9.3	- 0.1	- 1.2
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.4	10.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.9	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.4	7.5	7.6	- 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in August moved down to 52,300, a level 1,400 below July. The decrease was spread through almost every industry division, reflecting a very troubled local economy. Since August of 1985, total nonagricultural employment lost 9,100 workers, showing a loss of 14.8 percent. Each industry division decreased. Total nonagricultural employment is now at the lowest level since March of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 3,500 in August, down 300 from the previous month. Durable goods decreased 200 due to a slowing of business activity in the area. Nondurable goods was down 100 because of a seasonal downturn in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is down 1,300.

Mining sustained the downtrend of the past few months, decreasing to the lowest level in more than ten years. Trade effected layoffs in both the wholesale and retail sectors. Construction decreased to the lowest level in more than eleven years. Transportation and public utilities showed an overall downturn. Services were lowered by a reduction in employment by business services. Local government tapered off. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady.

Estimated unemployment in August pushed up to 13,500, a level 200 above July. The decline in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 18.3 percent of the labor force compared to 17.7 percent in July and 11.6 percent in August of last year. The August rate was much higher than the state rate of 12.3 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 4,780.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

HOUMA-THIBODAUX - CONTINUED

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show gains in at least some segments which will benefit from seasonal factors. However, total changes will depend greatly on developments in the oil and gas industry and the other industries closely affected by it. Unemployment is expected to decrease slightly as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	87.4	89.4	99.7	- 2.0	-12.3
MANUFACTURING	4.6	4.9	6.0	- 0.3	- 1.4
Durable Goods	1.6	1.8	2.1	- 0.2	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	3.0	3.1	3.9	- 0.1	- 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
MINING	13.8	14.0	17.3	- 0.2	- 3.5
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.5	5.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.7	7.3	- 0.2	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.7	24.4	25.7	- 0.7	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.7	6.6	- 0.2	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.3	3.5	4.3	- 0.2	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	18.2	18.7	19.1	- 0.5	- 0.9
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.9	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.2	10.5	10.9	- 0.3	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.6	4.1	- 0.1	- 0.6
Banking	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.1	18.4	20.0	- 0.3	- 1.9
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	13.9	0	- 1.0
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
State and Local	11.9	11.9	12.9	0	- 1.0
State	4.2	4.1	5.3	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Local	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette was estimated at 87,400 for August, a decrease of 2,000 from July's level and 12,300 lower than August a year ago. Much of the decrease was in nonmanufacturing. Lower employment in mining, transportation and public utilities, trade, finance, insurance and real estate, services, and government contributed to the decrease.

Nonmanufacturing decreased 1,700 from the previous month and 10,900 from the same period a year ago.

The largest decrease was in the mining segment. It fell 200 from the previous month and 3,500 from August of a year ago.

Manufacturing fell 300 from the previous month and 1,400 from the same period of time a year ago.

Unemployment continues to remain high in Lafayette due to the decrease in drilling activities. There is little optimism of a decrease of unemployment in the near future.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.0	54.9	59.3	- 0.9	- 5.3
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.4	9.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	0.7	0.6	0.7	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	
MINING	1.6	1.7	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	3.0	3.9	- 0.3	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.3	15.0	- 0.2	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.3	11.5	11.9	- 0.2	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.2	2.3	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.7	2.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.0	10.1	11.3	- 0.1	- 1.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.9	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.2	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Local	6.6	6.7	6.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Lake Charles area fell 900 from the previous month and 5,300 from a comparable period of time a year ago. The biggest decrease was in the nonmanufacturing segment. The decrease was 1,000 from July 1986 and 4,800 from August of 1985.

Manufacturing dropped 100 from the previous month and 500 since August of last year.

The remaining segments appeared to be relatively stable.

The outlook is for continued decline in unemployment as the labor force shrinks with summer job seekers returning to school.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.9	55.7	55.0	- 0.8	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.5	7.6	7.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.6	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.2	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.6	15.7	16.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.4	11.5	11.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.6	3.7	3.6	- 0.1	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.7	2.7	3.2	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.4	11.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	8.7	9.3	8.7	- 0.6	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	8.1	8.7	8.1	- 0.6	0
State	3.4	3.6	3.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Local	4.7	5.1	4.4	- 0.4	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe area was 54,900 during mid-August, 800 below the July estimate of 55,700. The decline represents primarily the end of the summer programs for youths sponsored by government.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,500 was down by 100. The minimal loss was in nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 47,400, was quite active over the month and had a new loss of 700. Government experienced the largest loss, 600, as summer programs for youths ended. Services was down 200. Wholesale and retail trade as well as finance, insurance and real estate each had minimal losses of 100 each. Construction increased by 200, while transportation and public utilities rose by 100. Mining was unchanged.

Employment is expected to remain relatively stable as the increase in government, reflecting the beginning of the fall semester in educational facilities, is offset by the decline in wholesale and retail trade as several local establishments close. Unemployment is expected to rise.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	506.7	510.9	534.4	- 4.2	-27.7
MANUFACTURING	42.3	42.5	45.0	- 0.2	- 2.7
Durable Goods	20.5	20.6	22.5	- 0.1	- 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	3.2	0	- 0.9
Machinery	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	11.7	11.8	12.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.8	21.9	22.5	- 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	6.4	6.6	6.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.5	3.6	+ 0.1	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.2	4.2	4.5	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	16.5	16.5	19.7	0	- 3.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.9	15.9	19.1	0	- 3.2
CONSTRUCTION	24.9	25.2	27.9	- 0.3	- 3.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.1	43.4	45.9	- 0.3	- 2.8
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	12.9	13.2	13.7	- 0.3	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	137.2	137.8	139.0	- 0.6	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	32.6	32.9	35.7	- 0.3	- 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	19.0	19.2	21.2	- 0.2	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.7	14.5	- 0.1	- 0.9
Retail Trade	104.6	104.9	103.3	- 0.3	+ 1.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.9	33.0	33.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	7.7	7.8	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	125.8	127.7	132.6	- 1.9	- 6.8
GOVERNMENT	84.0	84.8	91.0	- 0.8	- 7.0
Federal	15.6	15.8	15.8	- 0.2	- 0.2
State and Local	68.4	69.0	75.2	- 0.6	- 6.8
State	20.3	20.2	21.4	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Local	48.1	48.8	53.8	- 0.7	- 5.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$435.53	$437.26	$412.51	41.4	40.6	39.1	$10.52	$10.77	$10.55
Durable Goods	375.47	382.59	378.28	40.2	39.0	38.6	9.34	9.81	9.80
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	313.61	334.73	376.49	34.2	35.8	39.3	9.17	9.35	9.58
Fabricated Metal Products	330.83	305.90	412.68	36.8	35.0	45.2	8.99	8.74	9.13
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	376.68	384.54	326.36	41.9	39.0	32.8	8.99	9.86	9.95
Nondurable Goods	494.59	488.36	447.82	42.6	42.1	39.7	11.61	11.60	11.28
Food & Kindred Products	355.20	312.91	321.48	40.0	38.3	38.5	8.88	8.17	8.35
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	168.10	167.61	114.81	30.9	29.2	23.1	5.44	5.74	4.97
Paper & Allied Products	408.65	461.50	441.32	43.8	46.9	47.2	9.33	9.84	9.35
Printing & Publishing	414.34	399.74	346.48	41.6	40.5	38.8	9.96	9.87	8.93
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	686.75	678.72	686.78	45.3	44.8	43.8	15.16	15.15	15.68

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 27,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in August moved down to 506,700, a level 4,200 below July. The decrease was spread through almost every industry division. Since August of 1985, total nonagricultural employment showed a loss of 27,700 workers or 5.2 percent of all jobs. Every industry division found it necessary to make downward employment adjustments. Total nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since 1978.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,300 in August, down 200 from the previous month. Transportation equipment decreased 100 due to less business. Food and kindred products decreased 200 with a seasonal downturn in seafood processing, but printing and publishing increased 100 due to scattered increases throughout several firms in the industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment was down 2,700 employees.

Services exhibited the largest decrease of any industry division, showing sizable losses in the hotel-motel industry, business services, private health services, personal services, and miscellaneous services. Government was lowered mostly by layoffs of some temporary summer workers by local government. Water transportation moved down even further from what was already the lowest level in more than ten years. The problems of the past are now among the greatest facing the local economy. Construction reduced employment in building construction and work by special trade contractors. Retail trade effected layoffs mainly in eating and drinking places and food stores. Wholesale trade moved down in both durable goods and nondurable goods. Finance reflected a slight downturn in banking. Mining held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $435.53 a week in August, down $1.73 from last month's average. Average weekly hours increased 48 minutes while average hourly earnings decreased $0.25. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $23.02.

Estimated unemployment in August decreased to 61,300, a level 1,300 below July. A seasonal reduction in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 10.5 percent of the labor force compared to 10.6 percent in July and 11.4 percent in August of last year. The August rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 12.3 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 18,682. About 43.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximately 35.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to be favored by seasonal factors along with gains of a longer range nature. Highlighting all local economic activity will be the opening of new retail complexes. Both public and private educational services will pull back up from the summer low. But changes in total employment will be strongly affected by developments in the oil and gas industry, the port, tourism, and manufacturing. Unemployment will probably show some overall decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1986*	July 1986**	August 1985**	Net Change From July 1986	Net Change From August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.2	130.4	142.2	+ 0.8	-11.0
MANUFACTURING	18.4	18.4	22.3	0	- 3.9
Durable Goods	13.6	13.5	17.4	+ 0.1	- 3.8
Lumber and Wood Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.9	7.9	11.4	0	- 3.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	6.0	9.3	0	- 3.3
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.8	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.9	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	3.3	3.5	4.9	- 0.2	- 1.6
CONSTRUCTION	8.3	8.0	9.0	+ 0.3	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.8	8.7	+ 0.1	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.6	30.6	34.3	0	- 3.7
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	8.9	0	- 1.0
Retail Trade	22.7	22.7	25.4	0	- 2.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.9	8.0	7.9	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	30.0	30.4	31.8	- 0.4	- 1.8
GOVERNMENT	24.8	23.7	23.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
Federal	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	20.2	19.2	18.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
State	7.8	7.7	7.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Local	12.4	11.5	11.9	+ 0.9	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**	August '86*	July '86**	August '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$420.42	$393.68	$428.65	39.7	38.0	39.8	$10.59	$10.36	$10.77
Lumber and Wood Products	215.16	238.12	234.18	35.8	39.1	38.9	6.01	6.09	6.02
Metals and Machinery	430.15	369.41	406.51	41.4	38.4	38.9	10.39	9.62	10.45
Food and Kindred Products	305.63	292.59	309.09	39.9	39.7	41.6	7.66	7.37	7.43
Printing and Publishing	294.84	292.67	254.70	32.4	32.7	31.6	9.10	8.95	8.06
Petroleum and Coal Products	522.76	519.72	548.51	43.6	42.6	45.9	11.99	12.20	11.95

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport labor marker area has a total employment estimate of 131,200, an increase of 800 from the revised July estimate, and 11,000 less than the year ago estimate. The total manufacturing employment of 18,400 is unchanged from the previous month, but 3,900 less than August, 1985.

Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 112,800, shows a gain from the revised July estimate of 112,000. Construction employment increased to 8,300, up from 8,000, an increase resulting from more special trade contractor activity. There was a slight employment increase in transportation and public utilities, up from 7,800 in July to 7,900 in August. The employment estimate of 24,800 for total government is up from 23,700 in July. Most of this gain occurred in local education with the early opening of the 1986-87 school year. Employment losses occurred in mining, which was down from 3,500 in July to 3,300 for the current month. The employment estimate for finance, insurance and real estate dropped from 8,000 to 7,900 during the past month. Services employment showed a decline from 30,400 to 30,000.

The average weekly earnings for 13,100 production workers in manufacturing increased from $393.68 in July to $420.42, an increase of $26.74 but still $8.23 less than one year ago. Average weekly hours increased from 38.0 in July to 39.7 in August. Average hourly earnings increased slightly from $10.36 in July to $10.59 in August.

The Shreveport labor market area has a civilian labor force of 162,700, including 145,300 employed and 17,400 unemployed. The current unemployment rate is 10.7 percent. The unemployment rate for the state is 12.3 percent and the unadjusted U.S. labor force rate is 6.7 percent.

A slight downturn in total unemployment will likely continue through next month. Total nonagricultural employment will show an increase in September, resulting primarily from construction, trade, and government employment gains.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1986

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	10,261	8,819	1,442	182	161	21	89	73	16
Contractural Construction (15-17)	16,598	11,882	4,716	327	252	75	2,994	2,255	739
Manufacturing (20-29)	8,316	5,002	3,314	132	65	67	585	412	173
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	4,724	3,239	1,485	56	45	11	240	148	92
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	2,303	1,691	612	60	45	15	202	129	73
Retail Trade (52-59)	8,818	5,426	3,392	234	154	80	922	520	402
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,465	1,119	346	31	22	9	186	138	48
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	14,818	8,432	6,386	482	271	211	1,401	807	594
Public Administration (91-97)	2,272	1,044	1,228	62	41	21	237	93	144
All Others	646	360	286	13	12	1	102	64	38
Totals	70,221	47,014	23,207	1,579	1,068	511	6,958	4,639	2,319
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	9,269	7,408	1,861	257	186	71	912	718	194
Clerical and Sales	13,635	10,061	3,574	307	229	78	1,416	958	458
Services Occupations	7,127	2,426	4,701	245	81	164	613	179	434
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	526	223	303	15	13	2	38	19	19
Processing Occupations	1,443	760	683	14	11	3	176	118	58
Machine Trades	3,939	2,991	948	81	65	16	335	273	62
Benchwork Occupations	1,994	1,071	923	54	21	33	92	65	27
Structural Work Occupations	18,218	12,705	5,513	337	265	72	2,733	1,948	785
Miscellaneous Occupations	14,070	9,369	4,701	269	197	726	643	361	282
Totals	70,221	47,014	23,207	1,579	1,068	511	6,958	4,639	2,319

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INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1986

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,073	902	171	1,778	1,502	276	314	277	37
Contractural Construction (15-17)	636	512	124	675	482	193	1,155	1,002	153
Manufacturing (20-29)	829	693	136	446	310	136	168	126	42
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	586	533	53	278	225	53	217	126	91
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	253	228	25	274	225	49	71	64	7
Retail Trade (52-59)	386	290	96	691	442	249	368	257	111
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	67	53	14	121	95	26	34	29	5
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	610	487	123	1,012	724	288	442	315	127
Public Administration (91-97)	53	30	23	64	24	40	65	40	25
All Others	27	23	4	19	18	1	4	4	0
Totals	4,520	3,751	769	5,358	4,047	1,311	2,838	2,240	598
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	625	583	42	927	830	97	245	223	22
Clerical and Sales	622	548	74	1,333	1,163	170	498	412	86
Services Occupations	294	177	117	421	147	274	190	77	113
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	34	26	8	29	18	11	7	6	1
Processing Occupations	138	99	39	129	57	72	49	37	12
Machine Trades	392	336	56	394	307	87	109	97	12
Benchwork Occupations	42	33	9	89	67	22	24	18	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,264	1,034	230	923	654	269	1,047	908	139
Miscellaneous Occupations	1,109	915	194	1,113	804	309	669	462	207
Totals	4,520	3,751	769	5,358	4,047	1,311	2,838	2,240	598

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1986

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	101	95	6	849	633	216	570	508	62
Contractural Construction (15-17)	352	279	73	3,738	2,390	1,348	745	486	259
Manufacturing (20-29)	158	88	70	1,841	1,023	818	849	447	402
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	55	34	21	1,796	937	859	151	108	43
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	30	18	12	636	410	226	238	169	69
Retail Trade (52-59)	288	179	109	2,656	1,340	1,316	779	473	306
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	39	32	7	547	390	157	163	123	40
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	308	163	145	5,683	2,750	2,933	986	496	490
Public Administration (91-97)	46	19	27	906	357	549	155	61	94
All Others	8	0	8	235	103	132	39	17	22
Totals	1,385	907	478	18,887	10,333	8,554	4,675	2,888	1,787
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	208	169	39	3,093	2,297	796	585	475	110
Clerical and Sales	367	275	92	4,382	2,687	1,695	1,116	853	263
Services Occupations	142	31	111	2,863	776	2,087	545	123	422
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	5	2	3	78	22	56	46	18	28
Processing Occupations	13	10	3	309	124	185	79	23	56
Machine Trades	87	67	20	978	653	325	288	181	107
Benchwork Occupations	33	19	14	328	140	188	350	163	187
Structural Work Occupations	280	213	67	3,762	2,241	1,521	855	562	293
Miscellaneous Occupations	250	121	129	3,094	1,393	1,701	811	490	321
Totals	1,385	907	478	18,887	10,333	8,554	4,675	2,888	1,787